

House Resolution No. 2659

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State businesses and organizations which are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods by increasing the depth and breadth of local economies; and

Whereas, the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop exists to provide people with disabilities meaningful employment that leads to vocational growth, widened experience, and community inclusion; and

Whereas, the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop emphasizes satisfying work within its own facility and within the community at large; instills a proper code of work ethics; maintains good employer/employee relationships; respects the rights, choices, and dignity of all people; encourages each person to expand their talents to reach their desired level of independence, integration, and inclusion; advocates for the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life; and defends each person's right to be productive and contribute toward their own welfare and the welfare of their community; and

Whereas, five years after the passage of Senate Bill 52, the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop opened on May 1, 1970, with Carl Hensley as manager; and

Whereas, in addition to Carl Hensley, members of the Rolla community intricately involved in the establishment of the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop included Paula Duncan, Jaycettes President Sherell Bolon, and Annette Miller; and

Whereas, after its initial startup, the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop has been led by Ernest Morris, Virginia Boyle-Rosanski, Ruby Bell, and Rick Kyle and has been housed in an old worm farm, at the Old Flat Grove School, and in the current modern facility built at the Hy-Point Industrial Park using funds derived strictly from the local community; and

Whereas, the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop down through the years has performed work for such wide-ranging businesses as Bow Wow Dog Food, Coca Cola, the University of Missouri-Rolla, the United States Geologic Survey, United Telephone Company, Forest Products, Incorporated, Bixby Lead Mining Company, the Bureau of Mines, and many others:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and significant accomplishments associated with the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Rolla Area Sheltered Workshop.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob May
District No. 149

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2659, adopted April 28, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker